

## Alva Budget Consultation 09/01/18

### General

'Alva Community Council provided Community Action Plan and are talking to CTSI about forming a development trust. If people are as passionate as they sound please can they join the group'

'The savings on the paper can't be the end of the line. Where is the £116m going?'

'Looking at £10.3m cuts this year and £8m and £8m over the next 2 years. How much will the public decide on? There is a gap between the 2 amounts'

Answer \* depends on capital receipts and underspend'

\*\*'but that means we can't make an informed choice'

'Without attainment challenge life would be harder, but how can we raise attainment with all these cuts?'

'Can't we ask Nicola Sturgeon for more money?'

'We need all the learning assistants we can'

'Reduction in working week – is it all staff?'

Answer\* won't affect teaching staff or early years, but may be change for early years'

'This is quite alarmist, next year we need to sit down and consider the cross issues. The relationship between things hasn't been investigated. We haven't had the info to enable us to say something that is useful to you. We are not idiots'

'Stromness Academy and another school work together, why can't we do similar?'

\*'We do have consortium here, it happens a lot in Falkirk but not here and transport is an issue.'

'Management efficiencies should have been looked at on an on-going basis'

'Will business cases be made available before the budget is decided?'

'These savings are making Clacks worse. How are you meant to improve services when you're cutting everything? Sometimes savings are unrealistic – what business plans have you done? There needs to be honesty about what you have done before'

'Council gave little help with the baths but built 3 new schools with no baths so children have to travel'

'Why isn't Alloa Town Hall mentioned for possible closure?'

'Not one whole pavement in Alva, all the pavements are in bits.'

'Owed council tax and what the Council is doing to recover it?

Answer 'figures not available tonight but there is income maximisation work going on'

'Reduction in Winter Path Maintenance means they won't salt footpaths as regularly but then what about old people falling?'

## CAP

'People are being asked to forego the hall for sake of Health and Social Care but have said in the paper that there is space to cut managerial staff. Stop the bleeding heart stuff about kiddies, CAP is a necessary service for access to job search'

'CAP would be better used if facilities were better'

'No way one person would carry library books (on the bus) from Tilly or Alloa'

'Can you use the computers in the school rather than make people travel?'

'CAP host bookbug sessions, people can't afford to travel, if this goes why would people stay here?'

'It's all well talking about putting computers elsewhere but there's nowhere left to site them'

'How can someone access 36hr job search a week?, this would have a knock on effect of bus fares if service was only provided in Ben Cleuch/Speirs for someone on JSA or ESA

'Children's survey came out with fact that youngsters wanted access to CAP, it would be an ideal place to put PEP (Pupil Equity Premium) money'

\*Point Made – that it goes straight to head teachers and parents need to try and influence that'

'Why has Alva CAP been selected opposed to Speirs/Ben Cleuch?'

\*Footfall higher in other places, as they have better facilities'

## Asset Transfer

'Process on Clacksweb about how a community would undertake a transfer, community ownership Scotland, or CTSI can offer support'

'If no business plan comes forward then a hall such as Cochrane would be mothballed'

'Costs outweigh the benefits at present'

'How does Clack Council expect public to run a hall and make money when Council can't?'

'The Council is only offering something its failed on'

'How much does Cochrane Hall lose? It's used most weekends for dog shows'  
'If Cochrane Hall closes when would this happen?'

'Who owns Cochrane Hall? Does it belong to the people? It may have been gifted by the Baldwin Brothers?'

## Recycling

'Not an issue with charging for commercial bins'

'What was the original costs of recycling? There must have been a plan? You won't save money by stopping one of the 2 collections, what will happen to these bins?'

Council has done a great job. If garden waste collection stopped how would people cope? Same with kerbside collection, don't forget this is a rural area'

'has council thought about the extra cost of fly tipping? You may lose the saving you gain?'

'Food collection is same day as boxes so what's the point in stopping one?'

## Music Tuition

'Suggestion that keep music and cut modern languages, we don't offer much in Clacks'

'How will we raise attainment if we cut back here?'

'Concern about effect of this on children and future opportunities in their lives/careers'

'Key aspect on learning'

'One parent pays, her child with hearing impairment has benefitted, there is a potential to charge for this, why can't it be self-financing

'People pay a range of prices – 2 levels for this, what are the figures for income generation? Its only taken account of expenditure not what's come in'

'S1-S3 children that pay: 10 pupils pay £258.50/ per annum out of 700 in one school, and 26 pupils in another pay the same out of 900 children'

## Children and Families

'Attention drawn to placements out-with Clacks, why hasn't it been tackled in past and do we have facilities in the County?'

Answer 'There are few children with complex care needs, children need to be near families, has been a review of social care to bring down spend'

## Transport

'There aren't any young people here at this meeting. What will Council do to ensure their voices are heard?'

Answer 'Education have been to parent council'

'Cost of travel from Alva general issue'

'Who are we paying car parking subsidy in Alloa to?'

'What is supported transport?'

Regarding parking charges in the town:

'you would have to employ someone to enforce parking charges'

'Cut out the jargon people don't know what you're talking about'

'You should be ashamed of yourself you are putting money before safety'

'How can you expect children to walk in the dark? It's a disgrace! In Menstrie they don't even have a footpath. It's bad enough they are on death trap buses and now they have to walk.' It's a non-statutory is a cop-out, does it have to take a child getting run over?'

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## Toilets

'There is no place to go in Alva if you shut the Loo's, why don't you open Cochrane Hall as a HUB?'

'It didn't work with the baths, so why would it work here? however they are still taking bookings, it could work, bookings are still being made for the next 2 years'